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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Lee H. Veneklasen et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/625,284

FILED: July 25, 2000

FOR: IMMERSION LENS WITH MAGNETIC SHIELD
FOR CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM SYSTEM§ GROUP ART UNIT: 2881
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§ EXAMINER: D. A. Vanore
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§ Attorney Docket No.:
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Date: February 16, 2004

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114
TRANSMITTAL LETTER****Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. This Request for Continued Examination is being submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of November 27, 2003, and to the Advisory Action mailed December 8, 2003. This Request for Continued Examination is being submitted with a Petition for an additional one month extension of time out to a Three Month Extension of Time, in order to extend the period for response through February 27, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as U.S. EXPRESS MAIL NO. ER534274183US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Shirley L. Church, Reg. No. 31,858

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		INCLUDED WITH BASIC FEE	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	8	minus	29	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	minus	3	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$ 00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if first presented)	none presented		0			\$ 290.00	\$ 00.00
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION FEE							\$ 770.00
THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME *							\$ 530.00 *
						TOTAL FEE DUE	\$ 1,300.00

Also submitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "C", in response to the Advisory Action mailed December 8, 2003, which indicated that applicants' previously submitted Amendment "B" does not place the application in condition for allowance and that Amendment "B" was not entered.

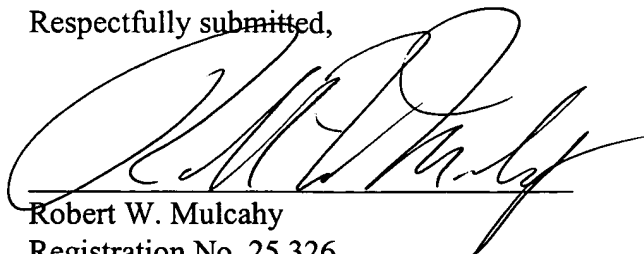
* Applicants previously submitted (and paid for) a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, which was submitted in conjunction with a Notice of Appeal which was filed in the subject application on January 15, 2004. Applicants believe that they must now only pay for the difference between the fee for the Two Month Extension of Time and the fee for a Three Month Extension of Time. The resulting fee would be \$ 530.00 (\$ 950.00 minus \$ 420.00).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$ 1,300.00, in payment of the fee of \$ 770.00 under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) for filing of a Request for Continued Examination and the fee of \$ 530.00 for the remaining extension of time, as well as any additional fees which may be due, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

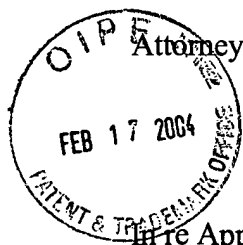
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Mulcahy', written over a horizontal line.

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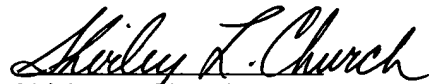
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Applicants' Amendment "B" was submitted to Examiner Tran on October 23, 2003. In an Advisory Action mailed December 8, 2003, the Examiner indicated that applicants' previously submitted Amendment "B" does not place the application in condition for allowance and that the Amendment "B" will be entered only after submission of an Appeal Brief. In response, applicants are submitting this Request for Continued Examination and an Amendment "C".

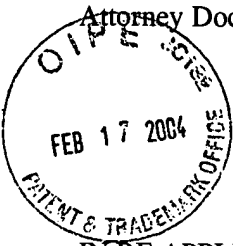
Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to charge the fees due for filing the present Request for Continued Examination in the Transmittal Letter and for an additional month extension of time in the Transmittal Letter which accompanies this Request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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AMENDMENT "C"

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Sir:

This Amendment "C" is in response to the Advisory Action mailed December 8, 2003. This Amendment "C" is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. A two month Extension of Time accompanied the Notice of Appeal filed in this application prior to discussions with the Examiner. The Final Rejection was mailed on August 27, 2003. The due date for response to the Final Rejection was November 27, 2003. A request for extension out to a third month after the due date, extends the period of response through February 27, 2004.

Claims 1 - 29 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 16 and 25 - 29 are withdrawn from consideration under a restriction requirement.

Claims 17 - 24 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,079,428, to Da Lin et al.

Please amend the application as follows: